

Providers Newsletter



Battalion Commander

Greetings!! Another busy and successful quarter. I want to, once again, provide a heartfelt thanks to all "Team Providers" leaders, cadre, family and friends for your commitment and considerable efforts daily in support of our mission requirements and "making it happen." I want to especially thank our spouses. Without your patience, support and sacrifices, success is simply unachievable and unthinkable. I am honored and grateful for your support and do not take it for granted. I am certain that the thousands of Soldiers that your spouse

train and care for on an annual basis are appreciative as well.

Again...I want to thank CH (CPT) Brown for his role and efforts in the coordination and production of the battalion newsletter and the battalion webpage. CPT Shawn Chu-Quinn, the new addition to the battalion staff will be taking the lead on the newsletter.

The forth quarter was exciting and challenging. One of the key adjustments was the change of brigade commander responsibilities, COL Hildner replaced COL Fortune on 13 July 07.

The battalion is adjusting well to the new commander and his command philosophy. The battalion conducted several outstanding events. The battalion conducted its inaugural Quarterly AIT Olympics. The event was extremely successful and fun-filled.

Tango Company
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LTC Rodney



Battalion Command Sergeant Major



CSM Michael Gilmore
"Provider 7"

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Special points of interest:

- FRG meetings
- Hail and Farewells



HHC "Workhorse"

On 29 September HHC, 266th Quartermaster Battalion had their annual MWR BBQ at the Rod and Gun Club. Soldiers enjoyed the food, refreshment, and fellowship.

A DJ came and provided music for the entertainment of all.

We say farewell to a number of people in HHC. 1SG Lloyd after 2 years of service to HHC. He will PCS to Fort Hood, TX to continue providing his leadership and skills as a 1SG in a HHD.

2LT Kruse, who was a snowbird, served as the company XO for 3 months. 2LT Kruse heads of to Phase 1 of BOLC. Outstanding job LT!!!



We congratulate DS Denson and Mrs. Denson on the latest addition to the family. Mrs. Denson gave birth to a handsome baby boy!!!

"You only get out what you put in to it."



Bravo Company "Bulldogs"

The following was written by PFC Anabel Perez, 1st PLT, B Company.

My personal experience at Bravo Company has been excellent in many ways. I believe that every cadre member does their best to take care of Soldiers. It is evident that cadre and Soldiers take a lot of pride in the unit.

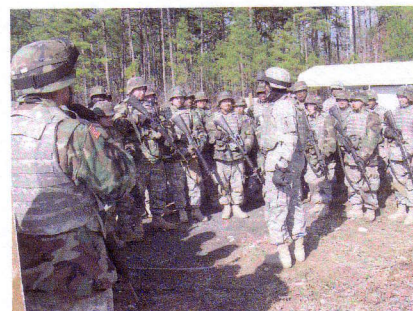
I feel safe in m barracks and that helps me to perform better at my school along with other training exercises.

The "Bulldog Pride" concept is not only about a company, its actually about Soldiers doing what is right, taking steps forward as a team, and ultimately come

together as a team and od our best to excel in everything we do.

In my personal opinion, I am very happy at B Company and would not choose any other company over mine.

In my unit, I have the peace of mind that anything that I might need will be taken cared of professionally and fast. I'm proud to say that I'm in B Company.



India Company "Big I"

India Company continues to in process outstanding Soldiers and ensure that their families and concerns are addressed. The company moves on in preparation for some big events ahead. We anticipate the arrival of a new executive officer and supply technician. India Company begins to make necessary preparation and training for the Block Leave during the holiday months.



CPT Fricke and 1SG Butler



Papa Company "Pirates"

The Proud Papa Pirates strive to exemplify what it means to be Strong Warrior Leaders, as Soldiers it is paramount that we take much pride in the United States Army and the uniform that you wear daily. They both mean a lot. I encourage you to really think about why you joined the Army. I'm sure everyone has a real good reason why they joined. Every reason is as important as the next but, you must know that failing to meet standards is a direct deviation from the path you started out on. Everyone gets a set

back in life. Nonetheless you learn from that set back and use it as a lesson learned on what not to do. No matter what people say you are a good Soldier and you must carry yourself in that manner and show that you are very proud to be in the United States Army. You are only in training for a couple of months. Your main focus should be getting through this and moving on with your career; Becoming that

"...you learn from that set back..."

Noncommissioned Officer, Warrant Officer or even an Officer. Remember this if you don't remember anything else; **Army Values is not merely a phrase for how members of the Army should act; they are what we are. We emulate the seven Army values because they are the standard for behavior; not only in the Army, but in any ordered society.**



Tango Company "Tigers"

Tango Company has had an exciting 4th Quarter. In August, we were the winners of the first 266th QM BN Olympics. SSG Ramos's mentorship in his Soldiers led to numerous achievements to include victories in the Battalion Ironman event and the Group Male and Female Pushup events.

In September, we had the pleasure of being named the 266th Honor Company. We have so much to be proud of but we must never forget that we need to strive for better.

We also received some new members to the Tiger Family. We are proud to have welcomed them into our fold. We welcome the following:

CPT Moss, Company CDR

SSG Rodcay, SQD LDR
SSG Butler, SQD LDR
SSG Johnson, A, SQD LDR
SSG Perez, SQD LDR
SSG Baynes, SQD LDR
SSG Bridges, SQD LDR



Battalion Unit Ministry Team (Chaplain)

I have the great opportunity to give a class in P Company on the Army Values. I utilize the series, "Band of Brothers" to stir the discussion as I use examples from the lives of Easy Company.

What I have found is each week as I prepare to teach this class I have to ask myself am I living up to the Army Values. What example am I showing to these young Soldiers and to the Cadre and family members.

It is always good to have an azimuth check from time to time in our lives. When doing land navigation we do not just check our azimuth and never look at the compass again we are always double checking to make sure we are on track to our point of destination.

If you go through life with out checking your azimuth you will end up in an place you never intended and asking how I got here.

For me the greatest azimuth check I have is my faith and my scriptures. These things keep me heading in the direction that I need to go. When I don't check these tools from time to time I find that I have diverted and must make a change to get back on track.

What is your azimuth check? What keeps you heading down the right path? What keeps you from loosing focus on the things that are important in life?

When was the last time you check your azimuth and was assured you were on the right track? Maybe today

would be a good day to make sure you are tracking down the right path. If you find that you are off path it is never to late to adjust and get back on track.



Chaplain Brown praying in Iraq with a Scout

This past quarter there have been a few changes to the Battalion FRG structure that will improve the information flow between Soldiers and family members. I would like to recognize our new FRG company representatives: SFC Vanessa Price – HHC; SFC Delores Jones – B Co; Mrs. Michel Brown – P Co; 2LT John Mosby – T Co; and SFC Debra Crawford – I Co, as well as our new Event/Fundraising Coordinator (Mrs. Bernadette Gilmore) and Treasurer (CPT Miguel Flores). We are in the business of supporting families through good and bad situations; a response team ready to react in a time of need.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and have already started planning for monthly events and fundraisers. Our first fundraiser was held during the first week of October and we raised over \$1000.00 to support our battalion Halloween party. The Halloween party is October 19, 2007 at the Fort Lee Bowling Center. There will be a children's costume contest as well as a pumpkin coloring contest. Sol-

diers and families will enjoy a night of bowling for the very low cost of \$5.00 per family or \$2.50 per person.

Our second fundraiser is a collaboration with our sister battalions (244th QM BN and 262d QM BN) with a Brigade Haunted House, which is scheduled for Saturday October 27, 2007. There will also be children's games, such as musical chairs, sack race, bobbing for apples and much more. It will be a very fun and exciting event that the families will enjoy.

Our third fundraiser is a Chili Cooking Contest in November, which will be headed by our own B Company Bulldogs. Last year we had raised over \$200.00 and our guests enjoyed delicious home-cooked chili, at its best.

During the first week of December we will have a battalion Christmas party. Our honorary guest will of course be the one and only Santa Claus!

As you can see we have a very busy FRG. Our next meetings are November 5, 2007 and December 03, 2007 at the Spiritual Fitness Center at

1730 (5:30 pm). See you there!!

Up Coming Events/Hail and Farewells

Up Coming Events:

December

3 Dec FRG Meeting

7 Dec Battalion Holiday Party

January

7 Jan FRG Meeting

February

4 Feb FRG Meeting

Up Coming Events Date TBD

Silent Auction

Chili Cook off

Hails:

92Y Squad Leaders and Instructors

Farewells:

1SG Lloyd

SFC Goss

SSG Bennett

SFC Moore

SSG Smith, Kimberly

SFC Wallace

SGM Ryan

SGT Tolbert

Births

DS Denson and family welcome a handsome baby boy

Birthdays:

Anniversary:



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was the over all winner, but certainly there were no losers. I was highly impressed and proud of the level of effort and competition across the battalion. The battalion continued to recognize outstanding collective unit effort as B Company and T Company were recognized as the Honor Company during the month of July and September respectively. The battalion will announce a new winner in November 07.

The battalion is working extremely hard to plan and coordinate the "AIT with Platoon Sergeant Program" as well as consolidate all 92Y (Unit Supply Specialist) into the battalion. Both initiatives will have a profound impact on all members of "Team Provider". Once the program is finalized, the battalion will provide an informational briefing to all involved, along with impacted spouses, to ensure total understanding, awareness and appropriate planning.

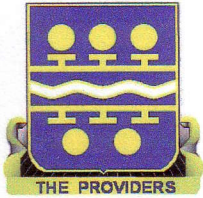
As we move forward into the fall season, I look forward to new challenges and team building events. One of the Key upcoming events is Block leave 07. My intent is to plan and conduct the safe movement of all AIT Soldiers to their home of resident so that they may enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. This is also a great opportunity for all cadre and leaders to take leave and enjoy family members and friends.

1SG Lloyd will depart the battalion on a PCS assignment to Fort Hood, Texas. On behalf of a grateful battalion, I would like to thank 1SG Lloyd for his many contributions, commitment, professionalism and overall impact on the mission. We wish him and his family well on their next assignment.

MSG Roscoe, no stranger to the business of first sergeant duties, will replace 1SG Lloyd as the 1SG of HHC, 266th Quartermaster Battalion. We are extremely proud and fortunate to be able to have his caliber of talent and experience in the 1SG seat.

I want to continue to place great emphasis in building "Team Provider". We are planning several team building events and I would sincerely appreciate your participation in these events. We are always open to any suggestions and ideas for improving the team.

Finally, what we accomplish daily is tremendously important to the Quartermaster Corps, our Army and our Nation as we remain engaged in the Global War on Terrorism. I am extremely proud to be your battalion commander and being apart of "Team Provider".



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